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 Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/792,184	Applicant(s) FEIN, BENJAMIN	
	Examiner Gary C Hoge	Art Unit 3611	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: on lines 13 and 20, it appears that "an" should be "a". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Viglietta in view of Piper.

Viglietta discloses a display card and display easel comprising a frame body having a front face and a rear face; an upper end and a lower end; a first side and a second side (see Figs. 1 and 2); a hanger 14 proximate the upper end, sized and shaped to fit a display rack support arm and support the frame body in a retail display configuration, if desired; a first member 13 connected to a remainder of the frame body and having a first position wherein the first member 13 is substantially planar with the remainder of the frame body; and a second position wherein the first member may be positioned away from the remainder of the frame body such that the first member is positioned to rest on a supporting surface to support the frame body in a display easel configuration; a second member (see Fig. 2) connected to the remainder of the frame body and having a first position wherein the second member is substantially planar with the remainder of the frame body; and a second position wherein the second member may be positioned away

from the remainder of the frame body and engages the first member 13 such that the second member retains the first member in the first member second position, and a graphic image card having the graphic image disposed thereon, wherein the graphic image card is affixed to the front face of the frame body (page 1, column 2, lines 34-41). However, the hanger is a separate attachment, rather than a pre-scored cutout. Piper teaches that it was known in the art to make a hanger a pre-scored cutout. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the hanger a pre-scored cutout, as taught by Piper, in order to simplify construction.

Regarding claim 2, the method of forming the device is not germane to the issue of patentability of the device itself.

Regarding claim 4, it is not known what material is contemplated for the construction of the frame. Because it is within the level of ordinary skill of a worker in the art to select from among known materials on the basis of their suitability for the fabrication of a given device, and since a person having ordinary skill in the art would know that cardboard would be suitable for the fabrication of a collapsible frame, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to fabricate the frame disclosed by Viglietta from cardboard as a matter of choice in design, based on such factors as cost and availability of the materials to the designer.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

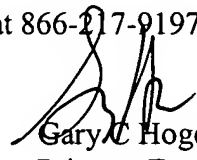
Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C Hoge whose telephone number is (703) 308-3422. After April 5, 2005, the examiner's telephone number will be (571) 272-6645. The examiner can normally be reached on 5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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